

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hiroko Abe et al. Art Unit : 2879
Serial No. : 10/816,185 Examiner : Sikha Roy
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Title : AN ELECTRONIC DISPLAY INCLUDING A LIGHT-EMITTING ELEMENT
AND A COLOR FILTER SANDWICHED BETWEEN TWO POLARIZERS (As
Amended)

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REPLY TO ACTION OF OCTOBER 1, 2007

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application with claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, and 36 being independent. Claims 21-40 have been withdrawn.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 20

Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 6,689,492) in view of Huang (U.S. Patent No. 6,762,436), and further in view of Antila (U.S. Patent No. 6,583,770). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Yamazaki, Huang, Antila, nor any proper combination of the three describes or suggests two polarizers sandwiching the light emitting element and the color filter, as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16.

The Office Action acknowledges that Yamazaki and Huang do not describe or suggest two polarizers sandwiching the light emitting element and the color filter, as recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16. See Office Action mailed October 1, 2007 at page 3, lines 6-7. For this feature, the Office Action relies on Antila. Antila discloses a display that displays in two, opposite directions. See Antila at Abstract. In one example of a liquid crystal type display, Antila discloses two polarizers (1' and 9'') that surround the liquid crystal. See Antila at col. 4, lines 38-49 and FIG. 3. In another example of a electroluminescence type display, Antila does not describe or suggest using polarizers. See Antila at col. 6, line 41 to col. 7, line 14 and FIG. 4b. Therefore, Antila does not describe or suggest two polarizers sandwiching a light

emitting element and a color filter. Rather, Antila only discloses using two polarizers that sandwich liquid crystal.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16, and their dependent claims 5, 10, 15, and 20.

Claim 2-4, 7-9, 12-14, and 17-19

Claim 2-4, 7-9, 12-14, and 17-19 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Yamazaki, Huang, and Antila, and further in view of Boroson (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004-0151829).

Boroson does not remedy the failure of Yamazaki, Huang, and Antila to describe or suggest the noted features of independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 and the Office Action does not contend that Boroson does so. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-4, 7-9, 12-14, and 17-19.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this reply should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this reply, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.


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